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Extension of Time to Complete M.Phil and Ph.D
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give additional time to women and persons with disabilities to complete their M.Phil and Ph.D with an aim to promote participation in research work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016, has come into force on 5th May, 2016. These regulations which, inter-alia, prescribe M.Phil/ Ph.D programme duration are mandatory for implementation by Universities/Institutions. As per the regulations, the maximum duration for completion of M.Phil and Ph.D programmes are 4 consecutive semesters/ two years and six years, respectively. Para 4.4 of these regulations allows the women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) to avail a relaxation of an additional duration of one year for completion of M.Phil and two years for completion of Ph.D. programme beyond the respective stipulated maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/Ph.D. for up to 240 days.
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